

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please amend the first full paragraph of page 1, added by way of preliminary amendment dated December 31, 2003, as follows:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/088,790 filed on March 21, 2002, which is a ~~continuation~~ national phase of PCT Application Serial No. PCT/JP01/06319 filed July 23, 2001, which claims priority from Japanese Application No. 2000-220404 filed July 21, 2000 and Japanese Application No. 2000-220405 filed July 21, 2000.